of the Committee including the proposal to upgrade the CDSCO to the level of the Central Drugs Administration.

Statement

Recommendations of the Committee on penalties for offences provided in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1954

(a) The penalty for sale and manufacture of spurious drug that causes grievous hurt or death should be enhanced from life imprisonment to death. Even the penalty for manufacture and sale of spurious drugs that do not cause grievous hurt or death should also be made more severe.

(b) The offences related to spurious drugs should be made cognizable and non-bailable. The bail, if considered by the court should be granted only after a period of three months.

(c) The penalty for not disclosing the source of purchase of drugs by a dealer should be made stringent.

(d) A provision should be included in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act to enable the Central and State Governments to designate special courts for speedy trial of spurious drugs cases.

(e) A provision for compounding of offences should be included in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

(f) Under Drugs and Cosmetics Act, besides the Drug Inspectors, Police should also be authorized to file prosecution for offences related to spurious drugs.

CGHS Dispensary in Gurgaon

534. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CGHS dispensaries presently functioning in Gurgaon;

(b) whether Government intend to open another CGHS dispensary in near future for the residents of Sector-56 and nearby areas; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) (a) One.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Contraceptive pill for men

535. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that scientists all over the world have developed a contraceptive pill for men which is said to be 100 per cent effective and free from unpleasant side effects; and

(b) if so, whether the Indian scientists have also developed a similar pill and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) The Government is aware about the development of the male contraceptive pill developed in different parts of the world, and which is not under clinical testing. However, the male pill is still in research stages and is not yet available.

(b) Indian scientists have not yet developed similar pills. Efforts are going on to develop male contraceptive by Indian scientists.

Government Hospitals

536. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of big and small Government hospitals functioning the country;

(b) the number of persons per hospital provided with medical facility in the country and the average thereof in Uttaranchal; and

(c) the details of the steps likely to be taken to extend the availability of medical facilities during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) As per information available